

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application is requested.

Claims 1-26 are pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants acknowledge that claims 1-26 have been allowed.

Claim objections

Applicants have amended claims 3, 4, 15, 17, 20 and 21 as suggested by the Examiner in the Quayle Action mailed September 19, 2007. Withdrawal of these objections is requested.

Certified Translation of Priority Document

Submitted currently herewith is a certified English Language translation of Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-422999 to which the present application claims priority.

CONCLUSION

The issues raised in the Quayle Action are considered to be resolved.

Accordingly, Applicants again requests a Notice of Allowance.

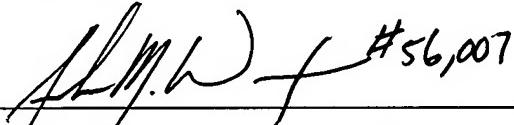
If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge any underpayment or non-payment of any fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17, or credit any overpayment of such

fees, to Deposit Account No. 08-0750, including, in particular, extension of time fees.

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